Production of coal at Singareni Collieries

1645. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of coal in the Singareni Collieries is short of the targets;

(b) what has been the production during the last three years; and

(c) what steps have been taken to augment production of coal in these collieries?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The information is given below:—

(million tonnes)

year	*Production*
1988-89	18·61
1989-90	17·80
1990-91	17·71

(c) Steps taken to augment coal production *inter-alia* include opening of new mines, improving law and order situation, application of new technologies to achieve maximum results etc.

Supply of coal to Madhya Pradesh

1646. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of coal mines that are at present viable for mining of coal in the State of Madhya Pradesh;

(b) what types/grade of coal these mines produce;

(c) whether it is a fact that despite being a coal producing State Madhya Pradesh is not getting enough coal for its own consumption; and

(d) what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of coal to Gujarat

1647. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: SHRI JITENDRABHAI LABHSHANKER BHATT:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Coal India Limited has introduced any cash and carry scheme for coal from 1st October, 1991 as a result of which coal receipts have improved in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether joint sampling has been introduced for all Gujarat Thermal Power Stations or not; and

(c) whether there is any dispute between Coal India Limited and Government of Gujarat regarding weight of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Yes Sir. "Cash and Carry" system has been introduced with effect from 1.10.91, under which coal consumers have to pay coal price in advance before coal is despatched to them. Coal supplies to Gujarat in October, 1991 has been 9.35 lakh tonnes as against the supply of 7.46 lakh tonnes during September, 1991.

(b) Joint Sampling is being done at destination end in case of Ukai and Wanakbori thermal power stations. In the case of Sikka and Gandhinagar thermal power stations, they have been adviced for participation in joint sampling at loading end.

(c) Disputes regarding weighment, quality etc. are day to day problems between the Coal Companies and the coal consumers and they are sorted out according to agreed principles.